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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN VISITS TO MOROCCO AND SPAIN

1. SUMMARY: KING HUSSEIN PLANS MAY 12-14 VISIT
SPAIN, FOLLOWED BY MAY 14-15 VISIT TO MOROCCO
FOR CELEBRATION MOROCCAN NATIONAL ARMY
DAY. HE DEPARTED NOON 12 MAY. KING HUSSEIN'S
MAIN CONCERN IS TO CORRECT MIS-IMPRESSION
THAT JORDAN HAS WITHDRAWN FROM
MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS IN FAVOR OF PLO AND TO EN-
LIST MOROCCAN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING JORDANIAN
ROLE AT GENEVA. KING HUSSEIN WILL ALSO WISH
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AVOID ANY CONTACTS WITH PLO LEADERS

DURING TRIP. VISIT TO SPAIN ESSENTIALLY RECRE-
ATIONAL. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS RELATED TO
LONG-STANDING MOROCCAN ARMY DAY INVITATION, WE BE-
LIEVE KING HUSSEIN WILL BE ANXIOUS TO PROMOTE
MOROCCO'S UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR JORDAN'S
RECENTLY-FORMED POSITION REGARDING MIDEAST PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN LIGHT
JORDANIAN CONCERN THAT KING HUSSEIN'S MAY DAY
SPEECH INCORRECTLY INTERPRETED AS MEANING JORDAN
HAS OPTED OUT OF MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS IN FAVOR OF
PLO.

3. TO CORRECT THIS MISIMPRESSION, JORDANIAN MIN
INFO MAY 10 ISSUED STATEMENT INCLUDING FOLLOWING
ASSERTIONS: THE WEST BANK REMAINS A PART OF JORDAN;
THE ARABS WERE "HASTY" IN RECOGNIZING THE PLO AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; JORDAN IS
THE PARTY TO NEGOTIATE THE RETURN OF THE WEST BANK
AT GENEVA, UNDER RESOLUTION 242, AFTER WHICH THE
PALESTINIANS WILL BE FREE TO CHOOSE TO UNITE,
FEDERATE OR SEPARATE FROM JORDAN UNDER AN INTER-
NATIONALLY SUPERVISED PLEBISCITE. PLO MEANWHILE HAS
RIGHT TO SPEAK (ONLY) WITH REGARD TO RESTORATION OF
"PALESTINIAN RIGHTS". FINALLY, JORDAN WILLING TO
ABANDON NEGOTIATIONS FOR RETURN OF WEST
BANK IN FAVOR OF PLO, ONLY IF ALL ARAB
GOVERNMENTS FINALLY DECIDE THE PLO IS THE
ONLY SUITABLE PARTY FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS
(AN UNLIKELY PROSPECT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF ISRAELI UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH PLO).

4. KING HUSSEIN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRESENT
JORDANIAN POSITION TO KING HASSAN. WITH RE-
GARD TO MOROCCAN ATTITUDE, WE NOTE IN PARA 4
ROME 6317 ON RECENT ITALIAN FONMIN VISIT TO
MOROCCO, THAT MOROCCANS ALSO MAY HAVE MIS-
IMPRESSION THAT HUSSEIN HAS "INDICATED
ACQUIESCENCE RE CREATION OF PALESTINIAN
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STATE". KING HUSSEIN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH
TO CORRECT ANY SUCH IMPRESSION AND ENLIST
MOROCCAN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED JORDANIAN NE-
GOTIATING ROLE. SPECIFICALLY, WE UNDERSTAND
KING HUSSEIN SUSPECTS KING HASSAN MAY BE TOY-
ING WITH IDEA OF PROMOTING MEETING IN
MOROCCO BETWEEN KING HUSSEIN AND PLO LEADER-
SHIP (EG ARAFAT OR HANI AL HASSAN). KING

HUSSEIN STRONGLY DESIRES TO AVOID ANY SUCH ENCOUNTER WHICH EH BELIEVES WOULD BE PERSONALLY EMBARRASSING.

5. WE UNDERSTAND KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO SPAIN IS PRIVATE IN NATURE, ALTHOUGH AT INVITATION GENERAL FRANCO, AND ESSENTIALLY FOR A CHANCE TO REST AND RELAX.

6. KING HUSSEIN HAS POSTPONED TRIP TO ITALY, ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS EFFORT TO ENLIST POPE'S EFFORTS IN BRINGING CHRISTIAN PRESSURE FOR SOLUTION TO JERUSALEM PROBLEM. PICKERING

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